

February 10, 2005

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Bossetta Sand, Reservoir A
BURTON FIELD
St. James Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of BTA Oil Producers to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Bossetta Sand, Reservoir A, in the Burton Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Bossetta Sand, Reservoir A, in the Burton Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for this sand and to force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created.
3. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the unit so created.
4. To provide that any well drilled outside of the Bossetta Sand, Reservoir A, shall be in accordance with the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
5. To provide that the Commissioner may reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order and without the necessity of a public hearing should such reclassification be warranted, based on evidence furnished the Commissioner.
6. To discuss any other matters that may be pertinent to this application.

The Bossetta Sand, Reservoir A, in the Burton Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 11,627' and 11,636' electric log measured depths (10,843' to 10,852' true vertical depths) in the BTA Oil Producers - Hawthorne Land Company 49 No. 2 Well (S.N. 230281), located in Section 49, Township 12 South, Range 15 East, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for POSTING of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of the Burton Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana, and will cause the legal notice of the hearing to be PUBLISHED in a newspaper of general circulation published in the vicinity of the Burton Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana, at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

Any pertinent data relating to the subject application can be obtained, **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY**, from David Comeaux at Leon E. Comeaux & Associates, P. O. Box 53922, Lafayette, Louisiana 70505 (337)233-9839.

In compliance with the Rules of Procedure, a preapplication conference was held in Lafayette, Louisiana, on February 9, 2005, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance.

The conference was opened with a discussion by Mr. David Comeaux, representing BTA Oil Producers concerning the nature and purpose of the conference and the bases for the applicant's proposed unit.

Mr. David Sturlese, representing the Poche Heirs and Mr. Charles Smith, representing the Ordoyne Interests, presented alternative geographic counterplans for their respective clients.

Mr. Jim Hardwick, representing Hawthorne Land Company, supported the BTA Proposal.

Differences could not be resolved between the parties in attendance and I expect that this matter will be contested.

There are attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat outlining the proposed unit, the conference attendance list, and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties and proposed unit plat (**being the same plat attached to the January 18, 2005 preapplication notice**) are being furnished **ONLY** to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, said plat and the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting copies. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, BTA Oil Producers, in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOCIATES



David Comeaux

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Enclosures
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Interested Parties, Interested Owners
and Represented Parties

